

Case Study



Resource Sharing - Informal Agreement

Waitemata Golf Club - Devonport Croquet Club

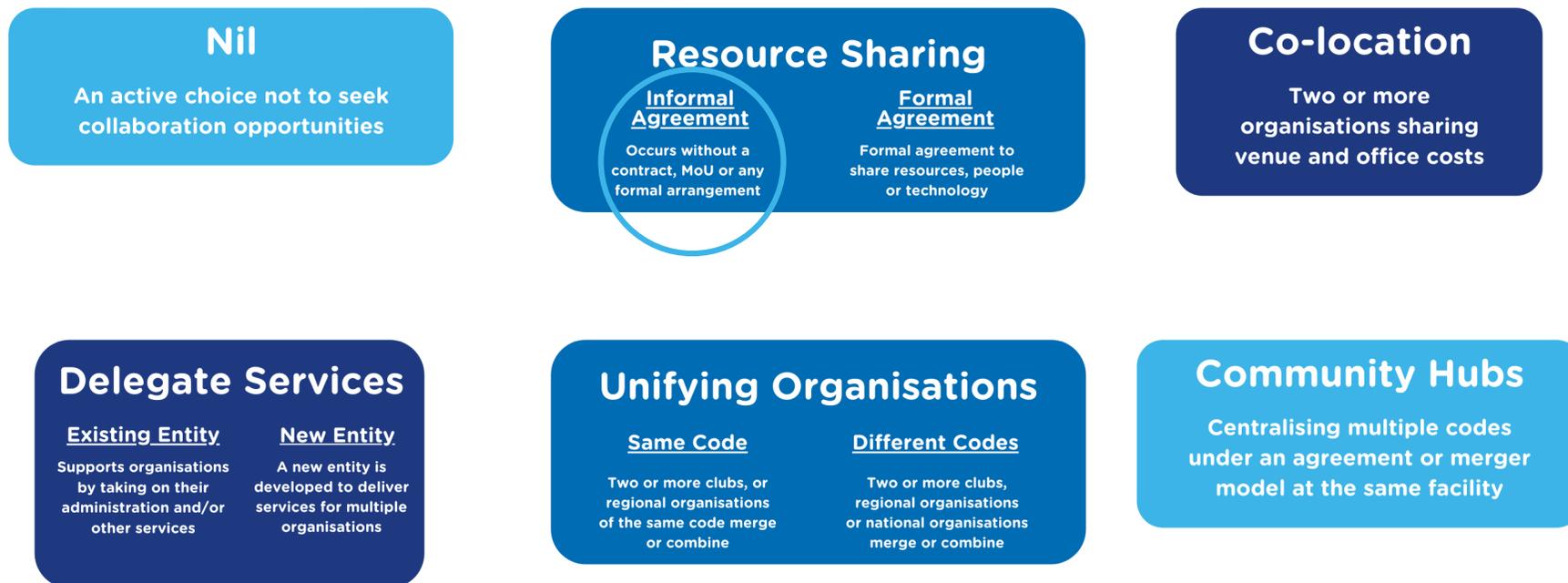


Working Together Model

This case study is part of an initiative supporting organised sport working together. The final page of this case study outlines all of the work and how it fits together. Below is the Working Together Model that articulates the opportunity for collaboration in organised sport.

The following case study is an example of the highlighted area. Please visit the [Aktive website](#) for more case studies that cover all areas of the model.

Working Together Model



Introduction

Waitemata Golf Club and Devonport Croquet Clubs have shared a boundary fence for many years. In 2018, the organisations realised that working together could be beneficial for everyone involved. The conversation began when the croquet club was struggling to maintain its greens and trying to rationalise how it could bring them up to standard within a tight budget. A discussion started with the neighbouring golf club about purchasing a mower. While the golf club didn't have any surplus mowers available, the conversation turned to how they could assist each other. Waitemata Golf Club had been looking to make greater connections with its neighbours and support community outcomes.

Drivers

As part of a strategic review, the Waitemata Golf Club identified their lack of community connection and decided to develop a Community Connection Plan. This identified the opportunities to grow its connections starting with neighbours. The Devonport Croquet Club while looking to ensure it maintained the quality of the experience they delivered whilst reducing the costs involved.

Process

Hayden McCallum, General Manager of Waitemata Golf Club, along with the Superintendent Dennis Coleman, met with three committee members of the Devonport Croquet Club to try and understand what they were trying to achieve and what challenges they were facing. Through this discussion, it was identified the croquet club was having issues with contractors regarding turf supply and was likely to lose its greens. Dennis was able to provide support for this and also expertise regarding fertilisers supporting the growth of the greens. They also have a standing offer available to the Croquet Club to mow its lawns if required.



Outcome

The Devonport Croquet Club was able to save its greens and raise them to standard while being supported by its neighbours.

Waitemata Golf Club has used this example as proof of its commitment to community growth when speaking to other local sports, community partners, the Local Board and Council. This has led to the development of other collaborations with community partners.

Between the two clubs, there is an increased sense of togetherness and an ongoing willingness to support each other.

Challenges

When asked what challenges were faced, McCallum noted that there weren't any challenges other than wanting to give more time and support to their neighbours but being limited by resources.

Advice

'The Waitemata Golf Club recommends this approach to strengthen community relationships and save money by combining resources.

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Looking for further information?



Working Together

This case study supports sports organisations working together. It is part of a wider initiative to support more collaboration in organised sport. This work has come at the request of the Auckland sport and recreation sector in response to challenges faced during COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdowns.

The initial stage of this work has three parts to it.

Case Studies

This case study is one of many that provides examples of current collaboration occurring in organised sport. If you are interested in viewing more please visit the [Aktive website](#).

Presentations and Resources

Aligned with these case studies is the Partnership Presentation Series. This series of videos provides more detail about the Working Together Model and its components and provides useful information on how to get started. It also links to other useful collaboration resources. For more information please visit the [Aktive website](#).

Collaboration Database

Aktive and our partners are creating a snapshot of what is occurring regarding collaboration right now. The purpose of this is to make informed decisions about future collaboration work and to support the industry in making collaboration decisions.

Here to help

Aktive and delivery partners, CLM Community Sport, Harbour Sport, Sport Auckland and Sport Waitākere, are here to help your organisation. Contact us if you would like to talk through any of this material and/or assistance for your club and/or code.

